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SUBJ: SINGAPORE A-4 B PROGRAM SUPPORT

REF: A. SINGAPORE 1155 (210134 Z) B. FMS CASE SN- SAB- P-2

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1. AFTER CAREFUL RECONSIDERATION ALL ASPECTS OF GOS
REQUEST FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH
A-4 B PROGRAM, STATE AND DEFENSE REMAIN CONVINCED THERE IS
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INSUFFICIENT BASIS FOR REVERSING PRIOR DETERMINATION
CONVEYED REF D.

2. DOD OFFERS FOLLOWING EXPLANATORY MATERIAL ON WHICH YOU MAY DRAW, AT YOUR DISCRETION, IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS.

A. SPARE PART PROVISIONING. GOS COMMENT OF NONRESPONSIBILITY LOCKHEED PARA 2 REF A NOT UNDERSTOOD. SUPPORT BY LOCKHEED OF A-4 B FOR 10 YEARS WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF GOS CONTRACT AWARD TO LOCKHEED. MINIMAL USN STOCK LEVEL FOR SUPPORT CLEARLY STATED TO GOS PRIOR SALE OF ACFT AS WAS FACT THAT USN COULD NOT SUPPORT THIS ACFT SINCE IT IS NO LONGER IN USN OPERATIONAL INVENTORY. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LETTER OF OFFER (REF B), THE LINE ITEM FOR JOINT PROVISIONING CONFERENCE WITH DELIVERY OF A COMPLETED GROSS REQUIREMENTS LIST (GRL), BASED ON THE SITE SURVEY, WAS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USN. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AND THE GRL IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COMPLETED AT THIS TIME. THE GOS COMMENTS CONTAINED REF A PARA 2 APPEAR TO INDICATE A POSSIBLE EFFORT BY GOS TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROVIDING OF SPARE PARTS FROM LOCKHEED TO THE USN. USN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING LOGISTIC SUPPORT WAS NOT ADDRESSED AT ANY TIME SINCE LOCKHEED AIR SERVICE, BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THE SALE, ASSUMED THIS RESPONSIBILITY. (GOS ONG CABLE OF 10 JULY 1972 TO CNO VIA LOCKHEED, WHICH CONFIRMED 8 JULY GOS/ LASS AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT.) A PROVISIONING CONFERENCE WAS HELD UNDER USN AUSPICES FOR WHICH LOCKHEED WAS NOT FULLY PREPARED FOR COMMITMENTS CONTAINED REF C. AS A RESULT, USN CALLED MEETING WITH LOCKHEED AIR SERVICE SINGAPORE (LASS) PRESIDENT. BI- MONTHLY USN/ LASS MEETINGS ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO REVIEW PROGRAM STATUS AND TO PERMIT USN ASSISTANCE WHERE POSSIBLE. GOS/ USN HAVE BEEN IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION REGARDING GRL AND WILL REMAIN SO.

B. TRAINING ASPECT. INITIALLY, TRAINING WAS TO INCLUDE JET PILOT TRAINING FOR 24 PILOTS AT CORPUS CHRISTI (19 WEEKS) CONDUCTED BY USN, FOLLOWED BY AN A-4 B FAMILIARIZATION COURSE (8 WEEKS) CONDUCTED BY LOCKHEED AND FINALLY A TACTICAL FLIGHT COURSE (5 WEEKS) CONFIDENTIAL

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CONDUCTED BY USN AT NAS LEMOORE. ALL MAINTENANCE OF SINGAPORE A-4 B AIRCRAFT AND ALL TRAINING OF MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCKHEED. WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT LOCKHEED WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN CONDUCTING THE A-4 B FLIGHT FAMILIARIZATION, GOS REQUESTED USN TO EXPAND THE NAVY TACTICAL FLIGHT TRAINING PORTION AND INCLUDE A-4 B FLIGHT FAMILIARIZATION. THIS WAS DONE. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE NUMBER OF SINGAPORE PILOT TRAINEES WAS INCREASED TO 48 AND USN ALSO AGREED

TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL COURSE FOR FOUR SINGAPORE SQUADRON LEADERS AND SQUADRON EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE TO A-4 B MAINTENANCE AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCKHEED. AN FMS LETTER OF OFFER FOR THIS REVISED TRAINING IS NOW IN PREPARATION. GOS/ USN HAVE BEEN IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION REGARDING TRAINING AND WILL REMAIN SO.

C. THE GOS COMMENT REGARDING BEING QUOTE AT MERCY OF THE CONTRACTOR UNQUOTE MAY INDICATE FUNDAMENTAL GOS DISTRUST OF ITS OWN SELECTED CONTRACTOR. THE BASIC ISSUE IS THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE USG BY THE GOS TO MONITOR AND ADVISE GOS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GOS SELECTED US

CONTRACTOR. THE GOS DISCLAIMER OF USG RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM AND INTENT OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDE NO RELIEF FROM THE ISSUE. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE PROBLEM IN THE LIGHT OF REF A AND CONFIRM THE DECISION OF REF D. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE USN HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF THE SINGAPORE A-4 B PROGRAM BEYOND THE FMS CONTRACT TERMS. THE GOS HAS DIRECT AVENUES OF CONTACT WITH USN FOR MATTERS OF USN RESPONSIBILITY AND ALSO FOR MATTERS WHICH USN MAY PROPERLY ADVISE OR PROVIDE OTHER SUPPORT. UNBIASED EXPERTISE REGARDING CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES CAN BEST BE PROVIDED BY USN NONMILITARY PERSONNEL AS RECOMMENDED IN REF D.

D. A REVIEW OF GOS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE INDICATES THREE PARTS, I. E., TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, DIRECT ACCESS TO CNO, AND A USG WATCHDOG OVER LOCKHEED. THE FIRST HAS ALREADY BEEN OFFERED AND REJECTED, THE SECOND IS CONSIDERED TO EXIST NOW THROUGH THE USDAO, AND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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THIRD IS NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY SOLICIT AND ADVISE OF SPECIFIC GOS A-4 B PROBLEMS WHICH ARE VIEWED BY COUNTRY TEAM AS APPROPRIATE MATTERS FOR USG CONSIDERATION.

E. TAFT PROPOSED BY REF E HAS BEEN REVIEWED. IT IS NOTED THAT TAFT GUIDELINES REFLECT USAGE WHEN REQUIREMENTS CAN NOT BE SATISFIED BY COMMERCIAL CONTRACT. MOREOVER, TAFT WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION WELL IN THIS CASE AS THE SYSTEM IN QUESTION IS NOT SUPPORTABLE BY THE SERVICE CONCERNED. ASSIGNMENT OF A TAFT OR MTT WOULD STILL INVOLVE USG AS ADVERSARY TO LOCKHEED, IN SAME MANNER AS ACTIVE DUTY EXPERTS REQUESTED BY GOS.

F. INFORMATION THIS MSG HOPED SUFFICIENT TO

PERSUADE GOS THAT EMPLOYMENT OF NON- USG PERSONNEL WITH
DESIRED EXPERTISE BEST MEETS GOS REQUEST. IT MUST BE
REMEMBERED THAT ONLY RETIRED RESERVE PERSONNEL CAN
WORK DIRECTLY FOR A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL OF SECRETARY OF THEIR SERVICE. ACTIVE DUTY
AND RETIRED REGULAR PERSONNEL CAN NOT LEGALLY BE
EMPLOYED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, GOS CAN
BENEFIT FROM SUCH EXPERTISE AND INDEPENDENT ADVICE
THROUGH CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL FIRMS, EITHER THROUGH
LOCAL NONGOVERNMENT SINGAPORE COMPANIES WHO WOULD HIRE,
OR THROUGH U. S. CONSULTANT FIRMS. IF DESIRED, DOD
WILLING TO SEND KNOWLEDGEABLE REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS
OVERALL PROGRAM WITH AMBASSADOR AND/ OR GOS SHOULD THIS BE

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